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Holiday Events

The Nutcracker

Dec. 2 and 9 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3 at 1 and 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$7 general admission, \$5 for children and senior citizens; Group rates available

Delight in the Rockville Civic Ballet's rendition of this Christmas classic, performed under the direction of Claudia Mangan. Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in advance at City Hall, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses

December 3, 10, and 17; 1 to 4 p.m.; Rockville Civic Center Park; Free

Traditional entertainment and festive decorations enliven the mansion with the good cheer of the season. On Dec. 3 and 10, the featured entertainment will include the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church Bell Ringers, Rockville Community Chorus, Heart of Maryland Chorus, Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Richard Montgomery Madrigals, and Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers. The Children's Open House, on Dec. 17, will feature visits from Frosty, Rudolph, Santa, and Mrs. Claus.

CALL 301-309-3001 FOR MORE INFO

Concerts

- National Chamber Orchestra (NCO); Dec. 15 and 16; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$33 (center), \$25 (side), and \$17 (far side)
- Rockville Concert Band; Dec. 17; 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Free
- Rockville Community Chorus; Dec. 17; 7:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Free

Relish in music of the holiday season presented by NCO. The orchestra will perform works by Handel, Vivaldi, and Bach alongside the Cantate Chamber Singers. For more information, call 301-762-8580.

Enjoy holiday performances by Rockville's Concert Band, which consists of 75 adult volunteers under the direction of Vincent Patterson, and Rockville's Community Chorus, which consists of 65 adult volunteers under the direction of Bryan Seith.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Bazaar

Dec. 2; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Senior Center

Get some great holiday bargains at the Rockville Senior Center Holiday Bazaar. The event includes an indoor yard sale, crafts, plants, baked goods, computers, and home-made food! Raffle items include a 25-inch TV/VCR, a Marriott Escape Weekend for two, restaurant gift certificates, and more!

CALL 301-309-3050 FOR MORE INFO

Catching Up on Town Center

If you've been in Town Center lately, you have probably noticed that there are changes taking place. Excavations for the 11 N. Washington St. building on the corner of Washington St. and Middle La., have begun, and renovations to the former GE Information Services building, located at 401 N. Washington St., are in full swing. However, these projects are just the beginning of more construction to come.

"It's good news that progress continues to be made in Town Center," said Bob Wright, the Mayor and Council's point person on their Town Center initiative. "When you have great expectations, progress by small steps always seems so slow. I believe the current activity is the prelude to the change that will occur during this decade."

Earlier this year, the City began work on the Town Center Master Plan that will provide a clear vision for the area's future. The plan is on schedule with a consulting firm accumulating input and generating a preliminary set of recommendations. These will be reviewed by City staff and the Town Center Advisory Group (made up of residents, business owners, and landowners).

"I think wonderful hopes have been raised with the plans for Town Center, but things are moving a little slow," said Melissa Opryszko, a member of the Town Center Action Team. "The slowness, however, has helped us look at zoning and control the development better. A tremendous amount of good effort is going into trying to create a new Town Center."

With the excavation work underway at the 11 N. Washington St. building site, it is estimated that the construction of this seven-story building will begin before the end of the year. When completed, the building will be home to offices with retail stores located on the ground floor and a parking garage underneath and behind the building.

The GE building, now called the Gate-

way Tower, is receiving a new "skin" and a more aesthetically pleasing appearance. Changes also will include site landscaping and new lighting. Work is slated to be completed in six to nine months.

The new Rockville library is now in the design phase, which is expected to take approximately one year. Ground should be broken around this time next year, and completion is scheduled for spring 2003. The new library will be located at the northwest corner of Middle La. and Maryland Ave., which will be extended through what now is the City's Middle La. parking lot.

Plans for the new district court, to be located at the current site of the Rockville library, are still in the early phases. Work on the new court building will not begin until the library relocates, which is at least two to three years away.

To improve traffic in Town Center, the State Highway Administration (SHA) is studying the feasibility of improving three intersections - Md. 355 and Middle La., Md. 355 and Md. 28, and First St. and Veirs Mill Rd. When the SHA has developed options for these intersections, there will be a public meeting to receive input from residents. It is estimated that this meeting will take place in the spring.

The City also has contracted with a firm to develop a "wayfinding package." This would include welcome signs for gateways into Rockville and directional signs throughout Town Center. The firm has completed its preliminary work, and its findings are being reviewed by interested groups such as the Town Center Action Team, the Planning Commission, and the Historic District Commission. It is expected that the Mayor and Council will review the wayfinding package in December or January.

Watch future issues of *Rockville Reports* and *The Rockville Channel* for more information as work in Town Center progresses. ❖

CALL 301-309-3244 FOR MORE INFO



An artist's rendering depicts the building to be constructed at the corner of N. Washington St. and Middle La. It is just one of the many changes occurring in Rockville's Town Center.

Calendar of Events

City Events

2 Senior Center Holiday Bazaar; See pg. 1

2,3,9,10 Rockville Civic Ballet; See. pg. 1

3 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1-4 p.m.; Rockville Art League Juried Member Show; Call 301-309-3354

3,10,17 Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses; See pg. 1

12 Bicycle Advisory Committee; 7 p.m.; City Hall; Call 301-309-3344

15 Friday Family Flicks; 7 p.m.; *It's a Wonderful Life*; Senior Center; Free; Call 301-309-3050

15,16 National Chamber Orchestra; See pg. 1

16 Off-Leash Testing; 10 a.m.; Middle Lane parking lot; Call 301-309-3115

17 Rockville Concert Band Holiday Concert; See pg. 1

17 Rockville Community Chorus Holiday Concert; See pg. 1

25 Christmas Day; City Hall closed

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

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Imagine Rockville

12 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

1 Flu Shots; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$10 or Medicaid Card

6 Birthday Party with Dale Jarrett Trio; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8540; Register by Nov. 29; Free

6,12,20 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

7 Nutrition Tips for the Holidays; 1 p.m.; Free

12 Hints for the Memory Challenged; 10:15 a.m.; Free

12 Healthful Dishes and Desserts for the Holidays; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8544; Register by Dec. 5; \$8 members, \$12 non-members

13 Trip Registration; 10:30 a.m.

13 The Third Millennium in Pictures; 1:15 p.m.; Free

14 Varicose Veins, Not just an Issue of Vanity; 1 p.m.; Free

20 Classical Music Appreciation – Holiday Concert; 1 p.m.; Activity #8532; Register by Dec. 13; Free

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center • General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and room added • construction bids over budget and rejected • will be rebidded with construction in summer '01

Dawson Farm Park • Converting Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • will include: art, historical signs, improvements to granary foundation, and changes to stormwater management facility • construction in fall/winter

Potomac Woods/Horizon Hill Falls Rd. • Building a bike trail on Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. on the east side • construction underway

West End Skate Park at Welsh Park • Construction bids received over budget and rejected • will include pre-fabricated equipment such as ramps, pipes, rails, etc. • construction in fall/winter

Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement • Multi-year, ongoing project • removes and replaces trees that are hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

General Projects Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Steps leading from N. Adams St. to the sidewalk to be replaced according to the Historical Landscape and Master Plan Study • completed by the end of the year

Millennium Trail • Phase I (Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd.) underway • Phase II (Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy.) design underway

Nature Center • At Rockville Civic Center Park • design complete and grant received • construction to begin in fall

I-270/Rt. 28 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge • Design stage • a citizen/staff taskforce being formed

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replacing equipment at Broome Athletic and Dogwood Parks in winter/spring

Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey • To update the topographical data for City parks and grounds on east side • data will provide for improved planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • fall, winter, and spring

Swim Center • Investigating expansion to include meeting and class rooms and expanded fitness area • feasibility and concept design by January

City Hall Expansion • Construction of a new wing and renovation of existing building • to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • new entrance on Maryland Ave. • technology and energy upgrades • additional parking on corner of Fleet St. and Maryland Ave. being studied • design/engineering phase in progress • construction in fiscal year '02

Energy Performance and Equipment Improvement Study • To focus on major City facilities • includes energy audits, system performance, equipment replacement/upgrades, maintenance operations, and energy savings • to provide highly efficient, functional, and energy efficient mechanical systems • multi-year project

Park Land Acquisition Fund • Project establishes a master plan for the potential acquisition of private lands adjacent to public parks or in environmentally sensitive areas • may entail purchasing easements or purchase of land • on-going

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank • Remove tank in fall, prior to starting Highland Rd. project • Recreation and Parks working with the surrounding neighborhoods to determine the use of land

Hungerford/Stoneridge Cabin John Relief Sewer • Considering options to increase the capacity of parts of the old, undersized sanitary-sewage pipe that currently runs from Town Center through the Hungerford/Stoneridge neighborhood • community input sought • private consultant to review

West End Great Falls Rd. • Improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • funded by State of Maryland • will reline and replace portions of water line in early spring before actual road work begins

General Projects Highland Ave. • Improve street with addition of a turn-around, storm drain, and asphalt paving • design work started • attempting to tie project with removal of water tank from park at the end of street • construction in spring '01

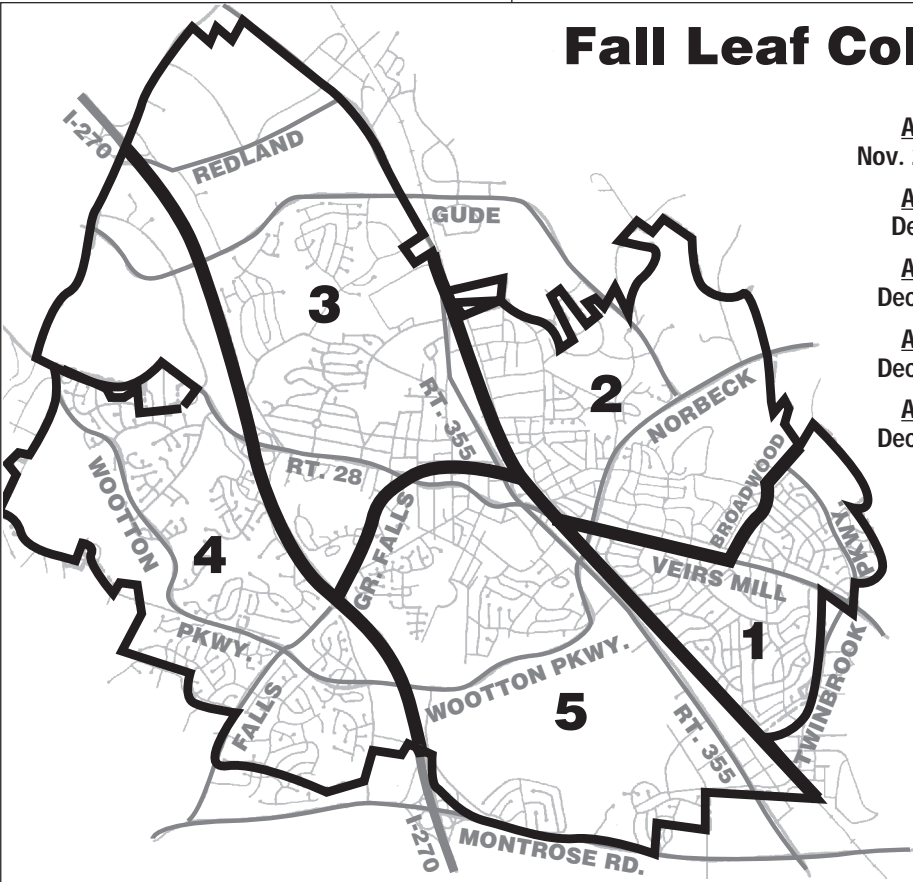
Neighborhood Traffic Control • new traffic control lighting and signals are installed in front of Wootton High School • turn being constructed

Gude Drive Noise Study • Phase II awarded • gathering data with results in December

Falls Rd. Bike Lane • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster La. parallel to Falls Rd. underway

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO

Fall Leaf Collection Wraps Up



- Area 1**
Nov. 27-Dec. 1
- Area 2**
Dec. 4-8
- Area 3**
Dec. 11-15
- Area 4**
Dec. 18-22
- Area 5**
Dec. 26-29

Rockville's Fall Leaf Collection Program will continue through December and wrap up on Dec. 29. During this time, crews will service each area for five consecutive days. After all areas have been serviced, the process will start over, and each area will be served for an additional five days. Use the map and schedule (left) to determine the dates for your area. On the day before collection, rake leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists. Remove limbs, rocks, and other heavy objects. The City's recycling program also will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. Do not use plastic bags. Rockville also encourages you to use alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch or to compost your leaves.

CALL 301-309-3094 FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

Inclement Weather Policy

Wondering if a meeting at City Hall or a Recreation and Parks program has been cancelled because of weather? Tune in to WMAL (AM630) or WRQZ (FM107.3), or watch WJLA (TV Ch. 7), WUSA (TV Ch. 9), WRC (TV Ch. 4), or FOX (TV Ch. 5) for information. For Recreation and Parks programs, you also may call: league play – 301-309-3333; afternoon, evening, or Saturday and Sunday programs – 301-309-3336; or special events – 301-309-3334. The following policies apply: when Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) close due to weather, all Rockville Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled; if MCPS open late, Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled for the morning; and, if MCPS close early, all afternoon and evening programs are cancelled. If schools don't close, but a weather emergency develops, a decision will be made on afternoon programs (from 2:15-6 p.m.) by 2 p.m. and announced on the message lines. For league play, a decision will be made by 3 p.m., and for special events, the policy varies.

Snow Removal

The City would like to remind you that its snow ordinance requires that snow be removed from sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces, and similar paved areas for public use (including access ramps and curbs) within 24 hours after a snow fall of three inches or less, and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches, to provide a safe, unobstructed, passable path 36-inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated within 24 hours, and surfaces must be treated to prevent re-freezing. Violators may be fined \$100 per occurrence. The City maintains reverse-frontage sidewalks where City sidewalks abut properties at the rear property line. More information is available at the Inspection Services Division at City Hall. Senior citizens or people with disabilities who need assistance with snow removal should call 301-309-3050 or 301-309-3261.

CALL 301-309-3261 FOR MORE INFO

Mediation Training

Rockville's Community Mediation Program will sponsor a free, 20-hour basic mediation training in December at Rockville City Hall in the Mayor and Council Chambers. It will take place on: Friday, Dec. 9, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants must attend all three days to receive a certificate, and you must be a City of Rockville resident to participate. The deadline to register is Dec. 5.

CALL 301-309-3308 FOR MORE INFO

Weather Emergencies

Remember as winter approaches, it is important to prepare for weather-related emergencies by storing extra water, food, medication, and other essentials. The Senior Center currently is gathering names and addresses of senior citizens who may need help planning for such an emergency or locating resources to obtain assistance. If you are concerned for yourself or a neighbor, let us know.

CALL 301-309-3050 FOR MORE INFO

Miracle of Christmas Show

Get into the holiday spirit with the dazzling musical production, the *Miracle of Christmas* show, on Saturday, Dec. 16, in Strasburg, Penn. The cost is \$110 for residents and \$121 for non-residents. The deadline to register is Dec. 6.

CALL 301-309-3182 FOR MORE INFO

Heating Safety

Winter is here, and with the cold temperatures comes an increase in heating equipment-related fires. Here are some advice to keep in mind from Rockville's Fire Marshall: Make sure woodstoves are installed properly to ensure there is enough clearance from combustible surfaces. Have your chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned annually, and make sure your damper is opened before starting a fire. When using your fireplace, use a glass or metal screen to ensure that a spark or ember doesn't jump out. Store your ashes in a metal container outside and well away from your home. They can retain their heat for 24 hours or more. If you use a space heater, don't overload the circuit and only use an extension cord that is the same size or larger than the cord on the appliance. Also keep the heater away from combustible materials, and don't ever use it to dry clothes. In addition, if your pipes freeze, use a hairdryer to thaw them. Never use a blow torch or other open flames to do so. Finally, be sure to check your smoke detector and change the batteries regularly.

CALL 301-309-3250 FOR MORE INFO

Take Part, Give from the Heart

Enjoy the true meaning of the holiday season by helping a local family in need through Rockville's Holiday Drive. Donate new toys or make financial contributions, which will provide food certificates and toys in December. For a more personalized giving experience, consider serving as a family sponsor. The Holiday Drive is co-sponsored by the Rockville Jaycees and the Manna Food Center. Donations of toys are needed by Dec. 7, and can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Department of Community Services (32 Courthouse Sq.); the back porch of Glenview Mansion (Baltimore Rd. and Edmonston Dr.); or the Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.). On weekends or after 5 p.m., donations can be left at the Rockville Police Station located at the rear of City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.). Monetary donations should be in the form of a check made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to: Department of Community Services; Attn.: Rockville Holiday Drive; 32 Courthouse Square; Rockville MD 20850.

CALL 301-309-3183 FOR MORE INFO

Underwater Hockey

Come play underwater hockey – or Octopush – at Rockville's Municipal Swim Center on Wednesday nights from 9 to 10 p.m. Bring your own mask, snorkel, and fins. This game is played on the bottom of the pool with teams of six players.

CALL 301-309-3045 FOR MORE INFO



Tutors Needed

Do you have an hour or so a week to give to a youth in Rockville? The City needs volunteers for its tutoring programs. With school in mid-semester, there are more students than tutors available.

CALL 301-309-3077 FOR MORE INFO

Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award and Taff Award

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award and its F. Michael Taff Award, both to be presented at the City's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Jan. 15, 2001. The Martin Luther King Jr. Award honors a Rockville high school student (in public or private school) who has demonstrated that he or she has helped to advance the goals and dreams of Dr. King. The F. Michael Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. It is open to businesses, non-profit employers, and individuals located within the city limits of Rockville. Nomination forms are available at City Hall or on the City's Web site (www.ci.rockville.md.us). The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 1.

CALL 301-309-3388 FOR MORE INFO


Sewer Back-up Insurance

Your homeowners insurance may cover damage caused by back-ups in the portion of the sewer located on private property. However, it probably doesn't cover back-ups caused by blockage in the sewer main. You can get this additional coverage from private insurers. Also don't assume that damage caused by blockage in the City-maintained portion of the sewer will be covered by the City. The City is liable only for damages if it is determined that proper maintenance has not been performed.

Para Ud.

Emergencia del mal tiempo

Acuérdese que con la llegada del invierno, es importante prepararse para las emergencias relacionadas con el mal tiempo. Debe almacenar agua, comida, medicinas, y otras cosas esenciales. El Centro de los Ancianos de Rockville (Rockville Senior Center) está tomado nombres y domicilios de personas mayores que necesitan ayuda en prepararse para este tipo de emergencia. Si a usted le preocupa su bienestar o el bienestar de un vecino, por favor de llamar al 301-309-3050.



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Any individuals with disabilities who would like to receive the information in this publication in another form may contact the ADA Coordinator at 301-309-3300; TTY 301-309-3187.

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For Teens

- 1 Julius West Middle School Teen Club Event;** 7:30 p.m.; Grades six-eight; \$2 for Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members
- 3 Civiteens Trip to Festival of Lights;** 2:30 p.m.; \$20; For members only
- 8 Civiteens Snowball Dance;** 7:30 p.m.; \$7; For members only
- 16 Civiteens Trip – Shop ‘til you Drop;** Noon; Free; Bring money for items purchased; For members only

For more information, call the Rockville Teen Program Coordinator at 301-309-3345.



Rockville Bikeways: Child Safety

A bicycle is not a toy – it's a vehicle. Children must learn the responsibilities that go along with riding one. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Your child should ALWAYS wear a helmet. It's the law for children younger than 16.
- Decide if your child is responsible and skilled enough to ride in the street or in on-road bike lanes. If not, he or she should only ride on sidewalks or on off-road bikeways.
- Teach your child to look left and right before starting to ride.
- Never let your child ride with headphones on.
- Stress the need to ride defensively and to watch for cars and pedestrians.
- Don't let your child ride at night.
- Make sure your child understands that bicyclists, who are skilled enough to ride on roads, should ride in single file on the right-hand side of road.
- Teach your child to obey traffic signs.



December Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mayor & Council Live

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing

Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
noon, 6 p.m., and
10 p.m.

Mayor and Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.,
and 10:30 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
and 12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

The Nutcracker

Daily, 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Decked Halls

Sun.-Tues., Sat., 7 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Daily, 7 p.m.

Annual Report

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Sun., Mon., Tues., 11 p.m.

Caregivers

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.

Rockville Overview

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7 a.m.



Rockville City Hall Holiday Closings

Rockville City Hall will be closed on the following days during the holiday season:

- Monday, Dec. 25
- Monday, Jan. 1

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the Oct. 10, 16, and 23 meetings:

The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: Liane M-y Langbehn (Animal Matters Board); Darrell Butler (Human Services Advisory Commission); Jacques Gelin (Planning Commission); Michael Hirsch (Science, Technology, and the Environment Commission); John Moser (Cultural Arts Commission); Jeffrey Broadhurst (Historic District Commission); and Kernan Chaisson (Rockville representative to the Montgomery County Cable Communications Advisory Committee).
- Awarded bid #28-01 to Trans Metro Construction Inc., of Upper Marlboro, Md., in the amount of \$227,205.60, for improvements to asphalt, concrete, and athletic courts in City parks and facilities.
- Awarded bid #29-01 to G.L. Cornell Co. of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$20,900, for the purchase of a spin grinder.
- Introduced an ordinance to levy special assessments for driveway aprons constructed in fiscal year 2000.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 4-00 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for fiscal year 2000.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 8-00 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for fiscal year 2001.
- Discussed and instructed staff on and introduced an ordinance to modify Text Amendment Application TXT2000-0184, Hebrew Home of Greater Washington c/o The Ring House, which would modify the zoning ordinance to allow the use of the ownership plat process in residential zones when the property will contain more than one building and be used for other than single-family residential purposes.
- Awarded RFP #26-01 to Sprinkle Consulting Inc., of Columbia, Md., in the amount of \$40,000, for design and engineering services for pedestrian and bikeway projects.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a revocable license agreement to allow Mykonos Grill, at 121 Congressional La., to utilize a portion of the adjacent sidewalk located in the public right-of-way for an outside café.
- Introduced an ordinance to grant zoning map Amendment MAP2000-00067, Mayor and Council, applicant.
- Introduced an ordinance to grant zoning map amendment MAP2000-00068, Mayor and Council, applicant.
- Adopted a resolution to establish fees pursuant to Chapter 10.5, entitled, "Forest and Tree Preservation," of the Rockville City Code for Fee Structure.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

Dec. 11 General Session
Dec. 18 Public Hearing

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Council meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (Ch. 11). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Tuesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

Dec. 11 Bob Wright
Dec. 18 Bob Dorsey

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Cultural Arts Commission (one vacancy):

This nine-member commission is responsible for encouraging the arts and culture in the city for the benefit of Rockville citizens. It also recommends to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities, and utilization policies of the City facilities, which will add to the further development of Rockville as a cultural center. Members serve for overlapping two year terms.

Human Rights Commission (one vacancy):

Members of this 11-member commission provide community mediation to resolve disputes. Commissioners sponsor mediation training workshops on fair housing, affirmative action, cultural diversity, and human rights awareness. Members serve overlapping four-year terms and participate in mediation training.

Human Services Advisory Commission

(one vacancy): This commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville and how best to address them. It also monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. The Mayor and Council also may ask the commission to study specific human service-related problems. The commission is composed of nine individuals representing social service consumers, service providers, and residents of the Rockville community. Members serve overlapping three-year terms.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (two vacancies): The Mayor and Council appoint three citizens to the 15-member board of this group, which strengthens existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encour-

ages the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommends to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Because of the holiday season, please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

- Dec. 2, 9 a.m.**
Board of Appeals
- Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.**
Cultural Arts Commission
- Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.**
Human Rights Commission
- Dec. 7, 7 p.m.**
Recreation and Park Advisory Board,
Glenview Mansion
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.**
Human Services Advisory Commission,
32 Courthouse Sq.
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.**
Science, Technology, and Environment
Commission
- Dec. 13 and 20, 7 p.m.**
Planning Commission
- Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.**
Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m.**
Historic District Commission
- Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.**
Traffic and Transportation Commission
- Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.**
Rockville Housing Enterprises,
14 Moore Dr.
- Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.**
Sister City Corp.
- Dec. 21, 5 p.m.**
Board of Supervisors of Elections
- Dec. 28, 10 a.m.**
Senior Commission, Senior Center

Happy Holidays

FROM THE
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